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SUBJECT: DMC PROPOSES EIGHT POINT GUIDELINE

1. AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING WITH THE LIKUD NEGOTIATING
TEAM THE DMC TABLED IS ANSWER TO BEGIN'S 15 BASIC
GUIDELINES (TEL AVIV 4013) IN THE FORM OF ITS OWN EIGHT-
POINT PROPOSAL. THEY ALL DEAL WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
SECURITY. THE FOLLOWING IS OUR TRANSLATION OF THE
EIGHT POINTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

A) THE GOVERNMENT WILL ACTIVELY STRIVE FOR A LASTING
PEACE IN THE REGION--A PEACE GUARANTEEING THE
EXISTENCE, INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY OF ISRAEL AS A
FREE AND DEMOCRATIC JEWISH STATE.

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B) THE GOVERNMENT WILL INVITE ALL OF
ISRAEL'S NEIGHBORS, EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM,
DIRECTLY OR THROUGH A (THIRD) FRIENDLY STATE, TO
CONDUCT DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS FOR SIGNING A PEACE
TREATY BETWEEN THEM, WITHOUT ANY PRECONDITIONS ON
ANYONE'S PART. EACH SIDE IS FREE TO RAISE ANY
SUGGESTION IT SEES FIT, AND ALL THE ISSUES WILL

BE OPEN TO NEGOTIATIONS.

C) THE GOVERNMENT WILL ANNOUNCE ITS READINESS
AND DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

D) THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL HAVE A HISTORIC RIGHT
TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL, AND THE REACHES OF ERETZ
ISRAEL ARE OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE FROM THE SECURITY
ASPECT. IN ANTICIPATION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE
AND OF THE POSSIBILITY OF DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS, THE
GOVERNMENT AND ITS SPOKESMEN WILL ANNOUNCE ISRAEL'S
READINESS TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BASIS OF
TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE, AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF A
TRUE PEACE THAT IS BOTH CONTRACTUAL AND PRACTICAL
AND WHICH WILL LEAD TO A NORMALIZATION OF LIFE IN
THIS REGION.

E) IN THE ABSENCE OF PEACE CONTRACTS THE SIDES
WILL BE BOUND BY THE AGREEMENTS SIGNED BETWEEN THEM
BY THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT.

F) THE ESTABLISHING OF SETTLEMENTS, RURAL AND
URBAN, ON THE SOIL OF THE HOMELAND WILL CONTINUE.
ALL THE SETTLEMENTS WILL BE ESTABLISHED ONLY WITH
THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT. SECURITY
CONSIDERATIONS WILL FORM THE GUIDING
PRINCIPLE IN DETERMINING PRIORITIES WITH REGARD
TO THE LOCATION, THE TIME FACTOR AND THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE SETTLEMENTS. WITH REGARD TO THE
SETTLEMENTS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE GREEN LINE,
THE JORDAN VALLEY AND THE RAFAH APPROACHES THE
GOVERNMENT WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO DECIDE BY
THE USUAL MAJORITY. ON ALL SETTLEMENTS BEYOND
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THESE LIMITS PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE AUTHORIZED
REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THE PARTIES PARTICIPATING
IN THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE REQUIRED.

G) THE KNESSET AUTHORIZES THE GOVERNMENT LAWFULLY
TO EXTEND LAW, JUSTICE AND ADMINISTRATION
OF THE STATE TO ALL PARTS OF THE LAND OF ISRAEL
AS LAID DOWN BY ORDER. THIS LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY
AUTHORITY IS AT ALL TIMES SUBJECT TO THE
CONSIDERATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND LINKED TO
THE QUESTION OF SUITABLE TIMING AND THE POLITICAL
CONSIDERATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT, WITH FULL
DISCUSSION BY, AND THE APPROVAL OF, THE KNESSET.
THIS AUTHORITY PERTAINING TO THE GOVERNMENT WILL
NOT BE EXERCISED SO LONG AS CONTACTS ARE BEING

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MAINTAINED IN ANTICIPATION OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS,
AND SO LONG AS THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDER
WAY.

--H) THE STATUS OF THE HOLY SITES WILL CONTINUE
TO BE MAINTAINED AS IT HAS BEEN SO FAR. END TEXT

3. YESTERDAY'S MEETING, THE FOURTH BETWEEN THE
LIKUD AND DMC, LASTED ONLY A FEW MINUTES. BEGIN
APPARENTLY TAKEN ABACK BY THE DMC PROPOSAL,
ABRUPTLY REQUESTED AN ADJOURNMENT TO STUDY THE
DMC'S DRAFT IMMEDIATELY AFTER IT WAS TABLED.
ANOTHER SESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 9.

4. TAKING THE POINTS IN ORDER, THE FOLLOWING ARE
EXPECTED TO BE CONTENTIOUS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES:
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--A) "DEMOCRATIC JEWISH STATE," LIFTED FROM THE
DMC'S PLATFORM, IS ITS LANGUAGE FOR IMPLYING RETRO-
CESSION ON THE WEST BANK. THE LIKUD WILL HAVE

TROUBLE WITH THIS FORMULATION.

--D) THE LIKUD WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH THE PHRASING OF THE SECOND SENTENCE OF "D." HERUT AND LA'AM HAD OPPOSED THE LIBERAL PARTY ATTEMPT BEFORE THE ELECTION TO INTRODUCE "TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE" IN THE LIKUD PLATFORM (TEL AVIV 1517).

--F) THE LAST SENTENCE OF THIS POINT WOULD GIVE THE DMC AND OTHER COALITION PARTNERS) A VETO OVER SETTLEMENTS OUTSIDE AREAS ACCEPTED BY ISRAEL'S MAINSTREAM AS NECESSARY TO THE STATE EVEN AFTER PEACE.

--G) BY INTRODUCING THE VAGUE PHRASE, "SO LONG AS CONTACTS ARE BEING MAINTAINED," THE DMC APPARENTLY SEEKS TO POSTPONE EXTENSION OF ISRAELI ADMINISTRATION (READ ANNEXATION) TO THE WEST BANK EVEN BEYOND THE TIME FRAME CLOSED OFF BY BEGIN'S ASSURANCE TO DAYAN THAT THERE WOULD BE NO EXTENSION OF ISRAELI LAW TO THE WEST BANK "...WHILE NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERWAY."

5. MEANWHILE, MOST PAPERS TODAY ECHO A SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT IN THE PROSPECTS OF THE DMC JOINING A COALITION BASED ON YESTERDAY'S MEETING. THIS IS ALSO THE VIEW OF A DMC CONTACT WHO CHARACTERIZED THE ATMOSPHERE AT PARTY HEADQUARTERS AS BEGINNING TO MOVE TOWARDS JOINING. SHE BELIEVED THE VETO OF SETTLEMENTS QUESTION WOULD BE THE CRUCIAL ISSUE. THE NEW MOOD (WHICH COULD EASILY CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE LIKUD RESPONSE TO THE EIGHT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POINTS) MAY OWE SOMETHING TO AMON RUBENSTEIN'S RECENT HOSPITALIZATION--REPORTEDLY FOR SURGERY, BUT SOME WHISPER ITS'S "DEPRESSION." A FIRM DOVE, RUBENSTEIN'S TEMPORARY ABSENCE FROM THE ARENA WEAKENS THE DMC FORCES OPPOSED TO JOINING. OUR CONTACT FEELS THAT YADIN'S POSITION IN THE PARTY RECENTLY STRENGTHENED AND SHE BELIEVES HE IS LEANING TOWARD JOINING.

6. IT IS STILL, HOWEVER, DIFFICULT TO PREDICT HOW THE TALKS WILL TURNOUT. AT THE OPENING OF THE TECHNOLOGY 77 EXHIBIT LAST NIGHT PRESIDENT KATZIR RELATED TO THE AMBASSADOR BEGIN'S EUPHORIA AT THEIR MEETING YESTERDAY WHEN KATZIR FORMALLY ASKED HIM TO FORM A GOVERNMENT. BEGIN WAS CONFIDENT THE DMC WOULD COME IN, THAT HE

WOULD FORM A GOVERNMENT IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS
AND BE ABLE TO GO TO WASHINGTON EARLY IN JULY.
KATZIR WAS LESS CERTAIN.

7. TODAY'S PRESS REPORTS THAT BEGIN DROVE FROM
THE PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE DIRECTLY TO THE WESTERN
(WAILING) WALL WHERE, AMIDST A SURPRISED THRONG,
HE RECITED A PSALM AND A PRAYER. HE THEN VISIED
THE 86 YEAR OLD SPIRITUAL HEAD OF THE GUSH
EMUNIM, RABBI ZVI YEHUDA KOOK.
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